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SUBJ: LIBYAN ANTI-SADAT PROPAGANDA: SHIFT IN EMPHASIS

1. WE NOTE THAT IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS, I.E., SINCE JAN 18,  
LIBYAN ANTI-SADAT PROPAGANDA HAS TAKEN NEW AND SOMEWHAT  
AMBIVALENT TURN. CHARGES OF TREASON CONTINUE BUT ARE BEING

SUPPLEMENTED BY SUGGESTION THAT SADAT IS PLAYING DEVIOUS  
GAME DESIGNED TO DECEIVE BOTH ISRAELIS AND U.S. UNTIL  
EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES REFURBISHED WITH SAUDI AND GULF  
FINANCED FRENCH AND BRITISH EQUIPMENT. FOLLOWING RE-  
EQUIPMENT SADAT WILL RESUME MILITARY OPERATION FOR LIBERA-  
TION OF OCCUPIED ARAB LAND. MEDIA CLAIMS DECEPTION WAS  
DECIDED ON IN SECRET MEETING BETWEEN SADAT AND PALESTINIAN  
NATIONAL COUNCIL IN MARCH 1977. STORY IS EMBELLISHED  
BY CLAIM THAT SECRET TUNNEL BEING BUILT UNDER CANAL  
WHICH WILL ENABLE EGYPTIANS TO SEND HUNDREDS OF TANKS  
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SURREPTITIOUSLY INTO SINAI. CLAIM ALSO MADE THAT SADAT  
ONLY PRETENDING TO REDUCE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES TO  
ASSURE CONTINUED AMERICAN ECONOMIC AID.

2. AT SAME TIME MEDIA CARRIED EXTENSIVE REPORT ON  
RECENT SADAT INTERVIEW WITH OCTOBER MAGAZINE ATTRIBU-  
TING TO SADAT SERIES OF DEROGATORY OBSERVATIONS ON

JEWISH HISTORY AND CHARACTER. MEDIA FURTHER CLAIMS  
SADAT INCREASINGLY BITTER AT U.S. FOR LEADING HIM  
INTO DANGEROUS POSITION AND NOT DELIVERING ISRAELI  
CONCESSIONS.

3. IN ANOTHER TACK JANA (OFFICIAL LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY)  
POLITICAL EDITOR SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUSLY WARNED THAT  
SADAT'S REPORTED INTENTION TO RESIGN IF PEACE INITIATIVE  
FAILED WOULD BE PHONY GESTURE BUT THEN SUGGESTED  
SINCERITY ALSO POSSIBLE. CONCURRENTLY MEDIA REPORTED  
THAT QADHAFI, DURING JAN 19 VISIT TO MILITARY COLLEGE,  
HAD AGAIN OFFERED TO SUPPLY EGYPTIAN ARMY WITH HUNDREDS  
OF TANKS IF IT DECIDED TO LIBERATE OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS.

4. RECENT EVENTS APPARENTLY HAVE LIBYANS SOMEWHAT  
CONFUSED. OFT PREDICTED ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN SEPARATE DEAL  
HAS NOT MATERIALIZED CAUSING SOME UNCERTAINTY IN  
PROPAGANDA ORGANS. ANTI-SADAT CAMPAIGN WILL PROBABLY  
NOT BE REVERSED BUT MEDIA APPEARS FEARFUL SADAT WILL AFTER ALL  
PROVE TO BE GOOD ARAB. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT ONLY  
BLUNT QADHAFI'S EFFORTS TO BUILD REJECTIONIST FRONT  
UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, BUT POSSIBLY LEAD TO RENEWED  
ISOLATION FOR LIBYA. PROMISE OF HUNDREDS OF TANKS FOR  
EGYPTIAN FORCES PROBABLY INTENDED LURE MILITARY TO  
QADHAFI'S BANNER.

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